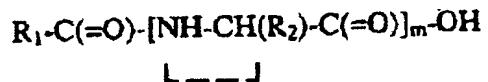


Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the text of the Abstract as follows:

Methods of utilizing a composition as a slimming agent. The composition contains a cosmetically acceptable medium, and a composition with the formula:



R_1 represents either a linear, a branched, a saturated, or an unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon radical which has 7 carbon atoms. R_2 represents an amino acid chain, and m is a number between 1 and 50.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet